The 2017–2019 ACF Board of Directors was inducted during the President's Grand Ball at Cook. Craft. Create. ACF National Convention & Show, July 13. Outgoing Immediate Past President Michael Ty, CEC, AAC, gave the ACF oath of office to all incoming board members.

Newly elected President of the Board Stafford DeCambra, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC, addressed members in a speech in which he shared his commitment to ACF, thanked members for their support and his goal to work together to demonstrate the standard of excellence that defines the American Culinary Federation.
Stafford DeCambra, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC, takes the president's oath of office from outgoing Immediate Past President Michael Ty, CEC, AAC.

The newly inducted ACF Board of Directors takes the oath of office.

**Member News and Highlights**

Congratulations to all the chefs who competed in the national culinary competitions and to the chefs who were recognized for their dedication to the industry.

**USA's Chef of the Year**
*Drew Garms*
Executive Chef
The Everglades Club, Palm Beach, FL
ACF Palm Beach County Chefs Association

**ACF Pastry Chef of the Year**
*Dan Boman, CEPC*
Chef Instructor
The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of Phoenix
ACF Chefs Association of Arizona, Inc.

*Sponsored by Plugra European Style*
ACF Student Chef of the Year
Madeline Black
Student
Utah Valley University Culinary Arts Institute, Orem, Utah
ACF Beehive Chefs Chapter Inc.

Student Team National Championship
Chefs de Cuisine Association of St. Louis Inc.
Team: Sean Pham, Derek Kaliszewski, Nick Norton, Nick Wenz and Tim Polacek.
Coaches: Brian Bernstein and Scott Scheible.
Sponsored by Vitamix.

2017 National Knowledge Bowl Winners
Kendall College
Team: Nikhil Bendre, CC, Brandy Freberg, Benton Givens and Joshua Ludwig.
Coaches: Wook Kang, CEC, and Nelia Salvi, CC.

2017 National Chef Educator of the Year
Costa Magoulas, CEC, CCE, CCA, AAC
Dean, Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality and Culinary Management
Daytona State College
ACF Central Florida Chapter
New ACF Certification Tool
ACF's certification department has developed a tool to help new candidates understand where to begin in the certification process. Scan the QR code or click here for more information.

CMC Exam Candidates Announced
The list of candidates who will participate in the 2017 ACF Certified Master Chef® Exam at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan, Sept. 30 – Oct. 8, has been announced on the ACF website. Watch for updates on the ACF Chefs Facebook page and www.acfchefs.org.

Fun and engaging learning tool!
Want to replicate the Knowledge Bowl competition in your school or practice for an upcoming competition? Purchase the new Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl 2017 Practice Edition in the ACF store, featuring 12 pre-loaded game boards and 12 customizable game boards.

FRLA Discount for ACF Members
Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association's (FRLA) Marketing & Innovations Summit is Aug. 2–3 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. ACF members receive a 35% discount on registration. Enter code ACF2017 when you register on their website.

Dell Discount for ACF Members
Take advantage of ACF member discounts on Dell products, including computers, laptops, monitors, servers, accessories and even gaming software. Act now and get special July double discounts on select products (offer expires
Aug. 4). Visit the Membership Advantage Program at for your links to savings.

Congrats, chefs!
Congrats to the winners of the ACF mobile app game during Cook. Craft. Create.
*First place:* Vanguelis Pablopulos, winner of an Amazon Echo
*Second place:* Hector Frausto, winner of an Amazon Dot
*Third place:* John Munoz, CC, winner of an Amazon Dot

**Call for Applications & Presenters**

**2018 Awards and Competition Applications**
Applications are posted for 2018 awards, including Chef of the Year, Pastry Chef of the Year, Chef Educator of the Year, Chef Professionalism Award, Student Chef of the Year, Hermann G. Rusch Chef’s Achievement and Chapter Achievement awards. Deadline to submit is Sept. 30. Visit the website for guidelines.

**ACF Student Team Competition Application**
Participating in the student team competition is a fun way to put the skills you’ve learned in the classroom to the test. As a team competitor, you demonstrate dedication and experience in the culinary industry. Participation is an instant resume builder. Want to be part of the action? Review the guidelines then fill out the Intent to Compete form. The deadline to submit is Aug. 30.

**Share your Expertise with ACF Chefs**
Speaker proposals are being accepted for the 2018 ACF event series in Charlotte, North Carolina; Newport Beach, California; and New Orleans, Louisiana. All proposed sessions must demonstrate innovative trends, information or techniques of interest to the culinary profession.

Submit your proposed session title, description, learning objectives, preferred conference and a brief bio by Oct. 1 for consideration. Have questions about presenting? Click below to contact us by email.
Showcase your School's Culinary Program at a Knowledge Bowl Competition

Register and compete to become the next national champion in the Baron H. Galand Culinary Knowledge Bowl. Student teams compete in a "Jeopardy"-style competition with questions that cover nutrition, baking, culinary math, safety and sanitation, and the arts of classical and modern cooking. To compete for the national title, teams must enter and win in their respective regional competitions. Registration deadline is Nov. 30. [Click here to learn more.]

Coming in Hot: The Summer Issue of Sizzle

Sizzle Magazine Summer Issue

The newest issue of Sizzle, ACF's digital quarterly for culinary students and enthusiasts, is bursting with color and flavor!

- Make macarons
- Try the Gateau St. Honoré
- Popsicles grow up
- Tips on summer foraging
- Recipes, interviews, news and more!

Get the Latest Issue
Quick Tips for Camera Phone Food Photography

Foster Deadman, Food Fanatic cheffor distributor US Foods, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, shows the difference between decent smartphone food photos and great ones by turning your phone upside down.

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